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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and US have entered into an agreement for second generation revolution in India's science education as reported in `The Times of India` dated 19.07.05;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached with the top universities of US;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, the areas and objectives identified by both countries for cooperation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Department of Space (ISRO), Department of Science & Technology and leading US Universities namely, the University of California, at Berkeley and San Diego, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, the University at Buffalo, New York, Stanford University and California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, an Institution deemed to be University which has developed satellite interactive technologies in collaboration with the ISRO is also a signatory to the MoU. This agreement would inter-alia offer Indo-US cooperation on e-learning to enhance technical education in around 25 selected educational institutions in India. Signatories to the MoU have agreed to work together for effectively imparting quality education and research covering the disciplines of Computer Science & Engineering, Information and Communication Technologies, Electronics & Communication, Manufacturing, Biotechnology and Bioinformatic, Healthcare, etc.